

1. A method for containing lightweight particulate materials for bulk shipment comprising the steps of:

- 5 a) providing a filling station including a hopper for dispensing said materials;
- b) providing a stack of collapsible preassembled containers, each having a cover in generally planar collapsed condition;
- c) providing a supply of synthetic resinous bag-like liner elements;
- 10 d) serially placing said collapsed containers in erected condition beneath said hopper;
- e) placing an individual liner element within an erected container element;
- f) filling said liner element with said particulate material to
- 15 desired level; and
- g) closing said liner element and closing said container element with a separate cover.

2. The method in accordance with claim 1, in which said container elements include integral slip sheets.

20 3. The method in accordance with claim 1, in which said liner elements are closed by a heat sealing operation.